

This Issue of the *Annual*

SADLY, the Graduate School of the University of Wisconsin has had to withdraw its support for the *AUS*, and it is only a matter of time before the College of Letters and Science will have to follow suit, no doubt owing to the increasing strains on the University's dwindling financial resources. Both bodies had given their assistance to the *AUS* steadfastly for the past six years and I would like to thank them one last time for their help during this crucial and financially precarious period. In concrete terms, their contribution amounted to a 33 percent time assistant without whom I certainly would not have been able to continue publishing the *AUS*.

Our other major source of support has been the American Institute of Pakistan Studies. Thankfully, this support will continue under its new President, Mark Kenoyer, who has, with the approval of the Executive Committee, offered to provide salary support for a half-time editor. However, this still doesn't put us in the black since there are a host of other expenses. The *Annual* has strenuously resisted any temptation to raise the price in order to keep up with its production costs, so please help in whatever way you can—most of all by recommending the *Annual* to interested acquaintances and friends for subscription.

This journal also cannot survive simply on translations. We need to increase the number of scholarly article submissions for each issue. Please consider submitting an article yourself and encourage others to do the same. Our preferred deadline for submissions is December of each year so please start thinking and writing now.

With this issue, happily, the *Annual* will also be indexed, and its full content will be made available, in the databases produced by EBSCO Publishing. These databases are widely available in the major academic libraries around the world. □

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